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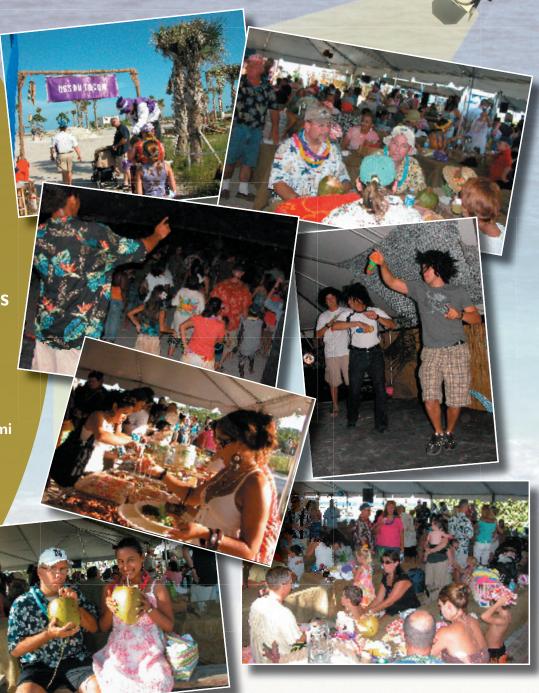
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## **SEPTEMBER**

- 4 CFC Kickoff, Tuesday, pm-3pm, Headquarters (HQ), Main Conference Room (MCR)
- 5 Checkbook Management, Wednesday, 1pm-2:30pm, U.S. Army Garrison-Miami (USAG-M)
- 6 Resume/Interviews/Salary Negotiations Thursday, 8:30am-12pm, USAG-M
- 8 Command Spouse Welcome, Saturday, 9am-1pm, HQ
- 12 Military Spouse Employment Specialist Wednesday, 8am-12pm, USAG-M, Suite 180
- 13 Youth Group Middle School and High School, , Thursday, 7:30-4 USAG-M

Deadline for SeaWorld

- 14 CFC Speaker, Thursday, 9am-10am HQ, MCR
- 15 Trip to SeaWorld, Saturday, Military & dependents - \$10, Non-Military adults - \$65, Non-Military child - \$55
- 19 CFC Tour of Goodwill Industries Wednesday, 1pm-3pm, meet at HQ

Military Spouse Employment Specialist 8am-12pm USAG-M, Suite 180

- 20 Parent Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, 11:30-12:30/Falcon's Nest, 28999 Coral Sea Blvd (Bldg 401), Homestead ARB
- 21 CFC Car Wash, Friday, 3pm-5pm, HQ, porth entrance
- 26 Newcomer Orientation, Wednesday, 8am

-11am, USAG-M, Suite 180

Military Spouse Employment Specialist, 8am-12pm, USAG-M, Suite 180

- 27 Interview/Resources Workshop, Thursday 9am -12pm, USAG-M
- 28 Miami Tour, Friday, 9am-4pm, meet at USAG-M CFC Walkathon, 1pm - 3pm, J.C. Bermudez Park

## **OCTOBER**

- 4 Deadline for Animal Kingdom, Thursday
- 5 Training Holiday, Friday
- 6 Trip to Animal Kingdom, Saturday, 6am-7pm, Adults, \$72, Children \$62
- 8 Columbus Day, Monday
- 10- Military Spouse Employment Specialist, Wednesday, 8am-12pm, USAG-M, Suite 180
- 16-18 Pre-Separation Transition Assistance Program (TAP) Tuesday - Thursday, 8am-4pm, USAG-M
- 16 CFC Testimonial, Girl Scouts, Tuesday, 9am 10 am, HQ, MCR
- 17 Military Spouse Employment Specialist Wednesday, 8am-12-pm, USAG-M, Suite 180
- 18 Deadline for Halloween Horror Nights, Thursday
- 20 Trip to Halloween Horror Nights

- 23 Newcomer Orientation, Tuesday, 9am -12pm, USAG-M. Suite 180
- 24 Miami Tour, Wednesday, 9am-4pm, meet at USAC-M

Military Spouse Employment Specialist, 8am-12pm, USAG-M, Suite 180

- 25 Personal Finance, Thursday, 1pm-3pm, USAG-M, Suite 180
- 30 CFC Testimonial, CHARLEE, Tuesday, 9am 10am, HQ, MCR

### **NOVEMBER**

- 8 CFC Testimonial Dade Marine Institute, Thursday, 9am–9:45am, HQ, MCR
- 14 Military Spouse Employment Specialist, Wednesday, 8am-12pm, USAG-M, Suite 180
- 19 Newcomer Orientation, Monday, 9am -12pm, USAG-M, Suite 180
- 21 Military Spouse Employment Specialist, Wednesday, 8am-12pm, USAG-M, Suite 180
- 24 Miami Tour, Wednesday, 9am-4pm, meet at USAG-M
- 25 Personal Finance, Thursday, 1pm-3pm, USAG-M, Suite 180
- 29 CFC Testimonial, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Thursday, 9am 10am, HQ, MCR

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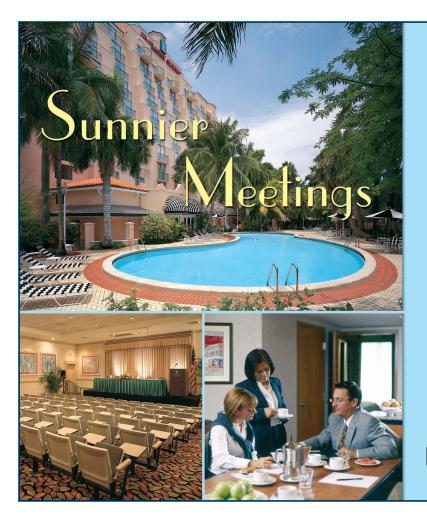
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#### WHAT'S UP IN MWR?

## US Army Garrison-Miami Holds Biggest Loser Competition

MWR Sports and Fitness is hosting a "Biggest Loser" contest. The miniversion of the competition started in June with about 20 female participants. The unrehearsed weight-loss competition is based on the popular NBC reality show, "The Biggest Loser." The object is to lose the most weight in a safe and healthy manner in a three month period. This is an individual competition; the person who loses the most body fat will win.



**Body Sculpting Class participant** 

It began when SFC Lashanda Roberson and Msgt Rhonda Brooks met with Jill Hauser, MWR Recreation Specialist, to discuss implementing the program for a group of women who had expressed interest in losing weight. The women needed a little help in sticking to their goals. MWR Sports and Fitness offers specialized fitness classes to help the participants. Each week, the participants are weighed and each pound lost or added is recorded. MWR Personal Trainer, Francisco Same, offers body sculpting and boot camp classes twice a week. Participants are given a suggested diet plan, along with the free fitness classes. The goal is to teach participants to incorporate physical fitness and proper healthy nutrition for the rest of their lives.

The competition is ongoing and a winner has not yet been declared.



Cheri Kenyon gets serious in Body Sculpting Class

MWR has received only positive comments from all the participants. When this competition is over, the MWR Sports and Fitness would like to take it Command-wide. If there is enough interest, the "Biggest Loser" will become a team competition instead of an individual competition.

Although the US Army Garrison-Miami winner won't win \$100,000, as on the tv show, there will be a big incentive to make it worth your while. Stay tuned for the next Biggest Loser competition coming soon. If you are interested in participating in the next Biggest Loser competition, contact Jill Hauser at 305 437-1595 or via email, jill.hauser@hq. southcom.mil.



# FILM and NOTABLE AUTHOR SERIES SCHEDULE

21 September, Film: Soñar no cuesta nada (Ton of Luck). Panelists: Senior Colombian Government Official, Mr. Jorge Mario Eastman Robledo and Former Colombian Military Commander, General (Retired) Carlos Alberto Ospina Ovalle. Time: To be announced.

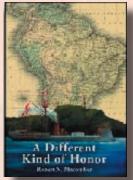


2 October, Film: Men with Guns (T) Panelists: TBD, Time: TBD.

19 November: Notable Authors Series. A Different Kind of Honor by Robert Macomber.

Website: Topic: South America's War of the Pacific: A Study in Strategic Innovation and Perseverance. http://www.robertmacomber.com/.

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Detailed information and applications are available online at www.aerhq.org.

Family members of Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard personnel have similar programs. For information and details, visit the following websites: The Air Force Aid Society www.afas.org; Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society www.nmcrs.org; and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance www.cgmua.org.

Questions? Please call the U.S. Army Garrison-Miami AER Office at 305 437-2665.



#### Active Duty Military Spouse Seeking Employment Information?

Contact: Collette Delgado Military Spouse Employment Specialist (305) 228-2300, Ext. 4235

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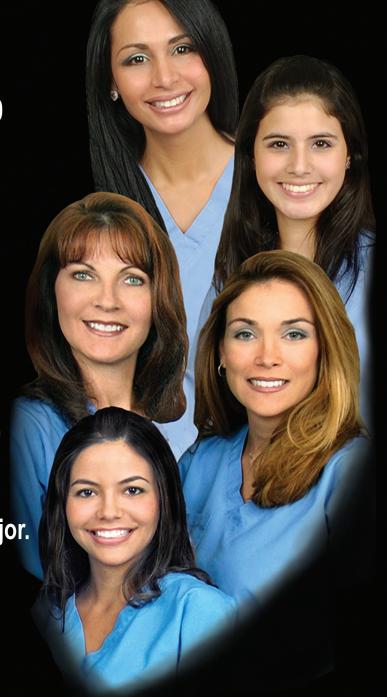
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AER also provides scholarships for undergraduate education of dependent children and spouses of active duty Soldiers.

For more information please or to apply foremergency financial assistance, please contact the USAG-M AER Office at 305 437-2665. For after-hours emergencies, contact the American Red Cross at 866 846-4357 or 877 272-7337.

## Pre-Separation Brief/TAP Workshop 16-18 October

The Pre-Separation/ Transition Assistance Program (TAP) provides comprehensive transition assistance



benefits and services for service members who are separating from active duty within 180 days and their spouses. As a matter of policy, former service members may attend the Pre-Separation/ TAP Workshops on a space available basis. The Department of Labor, in conjunction with the Department of Defense and Department of Veterans Affairs conduct these workshops. All attendees must attend a mandatory Pre-Separation Brief prior to attending TAP. During the mandatory Pre-Separation Brief, a DD2648 is completed. Other briefs conducted include Veterans Benefits, Disabled Veterans Benefits, and Tricare for retirees, Transportation,

DD214, Security Clearances and employers presenting their point of view. Military members who have not attended a Pre-Separation Brief are welcome to contact the Employment Readiness Program Manager for an individual brief that will only cover the mandatory DD2648 brief.

The TAP workshops consist of two 1/2 days covering information on personal appraisal, career exploration, strategies for an effective job search, interviews, resumes, reviewing job offers, support and assistance. The next Pre-Separation/ TAP Workshop is on 15-18 October at USAG-Miami, 8300 NW 33rd Street, Suite 180, Doral, Florida.

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share ideas for youth sponsorship programs, youth orientation and participation in local youth activities.

The Middle School and High School Youth Group will meet Thursday, 13 September, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at US Army Garrison-Miami (USAG-M), Suite 180. Cost: free to military and DoD dependants, lunch and activity included. Special activity to be announced. To register, complete a permission slip at Morale, Welfare and Recreation,

#### Miami-Dade and Broward School Calendar 2007-2008

September 3 - No school September 13 - No school, MWR youth group meeting – all day October 26 - No school



USAG-M, Suite 180. POC School Liaison Officer, Bambie. Bekins@hq. southcom.mil

or 305 437-1141.

# Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday, 20 September, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Falcon's Nest, 28999 Coral Sea Blvd (Bldg 401), Homestead Air Reserve Base, Florida. Join other military and DoD parents in developing a parent advisory committee to link parent support networks, share school of choice successes, identify local school/child care issues, and link parents to workshops/resources. POC School Liaison Officer, Bambie.Bekins@hq. southcom.mil or 305 437-1141.

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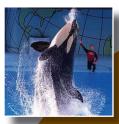
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